GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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RECYCLING OF RAILS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways recycle the rails by using them in lesser traffic areas after being removed from busy lines;

(b) if so, whether the Government are aware that this would be risking the lives of the people ;

(c) if so, the reasons for taking such unsafe action;

(d) whether this practice would be stopped ; and

(e) if not, reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a) to (e): The released rails from busy lines are segregated into second hand serviceable rails i.e. rails still having balance life and scrap rails. The released serviceable rails are scanned ultrasonically before using them for renewal on lighter traffic routes.